(Ireland.)

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INTITULED,

AN ACT to continue for Two Years and to the End of the then next Session of Parliament, and to amend, an Act of the Second and Third Years of Her present Majesty, intituled, "An Act to extend and render more effectual for Five Years an Act passed in the Fourth Year of his late Majesty George the Fourth, to amend an Act passed in the Fiftieth Year of his Majesty George the Third, for preventing the administering and taking unlawful Oaths in Ireland."

Preamble:

WHEREAS an Act was passed in the fiftieth year of the reign of his Majesty King George the Third, intituled, "An Act for the more effectually preventing the administering and taking of Unlawful Oaths in Ireland, and for the Protection of Magistrates and Witnesses in Criminal Cases:" 50 Geo. 3, c. 102.

And whereas the said Act was amended by an Act passed in the fourth year of the reign of his Majesty King George the Fourth, intituled, "An Act to amend and render more effectual the Provisions of an Act made in the fiftieth Year of his late Majesty's Reign for preventing the administering and taking unlawful Oaths in Ireland:" 4 Geo. 4, c. 87.

And whereas the provisions of the said last-recited Act were extended and rendered more effectual by an Act passed in the Session of Parliament holden in the second and third years of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled, "An Act to extend and render more effectual for Five Years an Act passed in the fourth Year of his late Majesty George the Fourth, to amend an Act passed in the fiftieth Year of his Majesty George the Third, for preventing the administering and taking unlawful Oaths in Ireland:" 2 & 3 Vict., c. 74.

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7 & 8 Vict., c. 78.

And whereas by an Act passed in the Session of Parliament holden in the seventh and eighth years of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled, "An Act to continue for One Year an Act of the second and third Years of Her present Majesty, intituled, 'An Act to extend and render more effectual for Five Years an Act passed in the fourth Year of his late Majesty GEORGE the Fourth, to amend an Act passed in the fiftieth Year of his Majesty GEORGE the Third, for preventing the administering and taking unlawful Oaths in Ireland,'" the said last-recited Act was continued for the further period of One Year from the First day of September in the year One thousand eight hundred and Forty-four:

8 & 9 Vict., c. 55.

And whereas by an Act passed in the Session of Parliament holden in the eighth and ninth years of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled, "An Act to continue for Two Years, and to the End of the then next Session of Parliament, and to amend, an Act of the second and third Years of Her present Majesty, intituled, 'An Act to extend and render more effectual for Five Years an Act passed in the fourth Year of his late Majesty GEORGE the Fourth, to amend an Act passed in the fiftieth Year of his Majesty GEORGE the Third, for preventing the administering and taking Unlawful Oaths in Ireland,'" the said Act of the second and third years of Her present Majesty (subject to an amendment in the said Act of the eighth and ninth years of Her present Majesty contained) was continued in force for the further period of Two Years from the First day of September One thousand eight hundred and Forty-five, and until the End of the then next Session of Parliament; and it is expedient that the said recited Act of the second and third years of the reign of Her present Majesty should be further continued and amended as hereinafter provided;

1. Recited Act of 2 & 3 Vict., to continue in force for a further period of Two Years.

BE it therefore Enacted, by The QUEEN's most Excellent MAJESTY, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, THAT the said recited Act of the second and third years of the reign of Her present Majesty shall be and continue in full force and effect from the passing of this Act for the further period of Two Years, and until the End of the then next Session of Parliament.

2. Constables with Warrant may enter and search Houses, and seize Papers and Arms, &c.

And be it Enacted, That if information upon oath shall be given to any Justice of the Peace in Ireland, that there is cause for believing that any Society or Societies within the meaning of the said recited Acts or any of them is or are held, or is or are about to be held, or that any persons are met or assembled, or are about to meet or assemble, for treasonable or seditious purposes or objects, or for the discussion

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discussion of treasonable or seditious purposes or objects, in any house, room, building, or any other place whatsoever, it shall be lawful for such Justice to issue his warrant to any County Inspector, Sub-Inspector or Head Constable, authorizing and empowering him to enter any such house, room, building or other place, and to stay or remain in such house, room, building or other place for so long a time as such County Inspector, Sub-Inspector or Head Constable may think fit, and to seize all books, papers and writings, which shall appear to such County Inspector, Sub-Inspector or Head Constable to be or to afford evidence of the holding or of the existence of any such Society or Societies, or of any treasonable or seditious purposes or objects, and all Arms and Ammunition of every description whatsoever that may be found in such house, room, building or other place, and to search all parts of such house, room, building or other place for the purpose of discovering the same; and thereupon it shall be lawful for such County Inspector, Sub-Inspector or Head Constable, with such Constables and other persons as he shall deem necessary for that purpose, to enter such house, room, building or other place, and if need be to use force for that purpose, whether by breaking open doors or otherwise, and to remain with such Constables and other persons as aforesaid, in such house, room, building or other place, for so long a time as such County Inspector, Sub-Inspector or Head Constable shall think fit, and to seize all such books, papers and writings, and all Arms and Ammunition of every description whatsoever that may be found in such house, room, building or other place, and to search all parts of such house, room, building or other place for the purpose of discovering the same.

3. Duration of Act.

And be it Enacted, That this Act shall continue in force from the passing thereof for Two Years, and until the End of the then next Session of Parliament.

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